



## 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 83

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1     **Relating to:** commemorating the life of James D. Selk.

2             Whereas, James D. Selk, a legendary Madison journalist, died on November 15,  
3     1997; and

4             Whereas, he was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, in 1934; served his country in  
5     the U.S. army; and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1958; and

6             Whereas, in his days as chief political reporter for the *Wisconsin State Journal*,  
7     he earned a reputation for his wit, iconoclasm and ability to scoop the competition;  
8     and

9             Whereas, he evolved from beat reporter to pundit as editorial page writer for  
10    the *Wisconsin State Journal* and as editor, publisher and columnist for *Madison*  
11    *Magazine*; and

12            Whereas, thousands of loyal readers eagerly awaited his monthly column “Selk  
13    at Large” to see hapless politicians pilloried, trendy ideas trashed and conventional  
14    wisdom debunked; and

